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Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statements filed May 4, 2006, and June 21, 2006, and in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit a copy of the Supplementary European Search Report that was mailed on August 16, 2006, with respect to the corresponding European Patent Application No. EP 04747876, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0105174 A1
(BRAUN), June 5, 2003;
- (2) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0072547 A1
(BARRON et al.), June 13, 2002;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,496,864 (HENN et al.), March 5, 1996;

- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,229,429 (HAHN et al.), July 20, 1993;
- (5) DE 38 35 638 A1, April 26, 1990;
- (6) EP 0 263 989 A2, April 20, 1988;
- (7) EP 0 256 489 A1, February 24, 1988;
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 4,677,134 (FUDGE), June 30, 1987;
- (9) U.S. Patent No. 4,769,393 (KUWABARA et al.), September 6, 1988;
- (10) U.S. Patent No. 4,647,593 (BARTOSIAK et al.), March 3, 1987;
- (11) GB 2 110 217 A, June 15, 1983;
- (12) U.S. Patent No. 4,080,344 (IKEDA et al.), March 21, 1978;
- (13) DE 23 63 199 A1, June 26, 1975; and
- (14) U.S. Patent No. 3,417,170 (KNAPP), December 17, 1968.

Copies of the above-listed documents (with the exception of the U.S. patents and U.S. Patent Applications) and of the Supplementary European Search Report for corresponding European Patent Application No. EP 04747876 are enclosed together with a completed copy of the Form PTO-1449 listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the next official communication.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure

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If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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